

the other side of the chamber, that the pending bill had no other than a partisan object. He said there was nothing but an attempt to legislate upon a party. It was nothing but an attempt to defer to the different departments of the government their proper functions.

Pending the consideration of the bill and amendments, on motion of Mr. SHERIDAN (Rep., O) of the Senate, it was voted into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NAVAL ORDINANCE. Mr. HUBBARD (Rep., Conn.) moved leave to offer a resolution amending the Constitution to inquire into the all-around safety of heavy rifled ordnance in the United States navy.

THE CORD. (Rep., Wis.) objected.

MAIL SERVICE ON THE PACIFIC COAST. On motion of Mr. CHIDWELL (Rep., Cal.), the Post-Office Committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of having a mail service performed between San Francisco Cal. and Astoria and Oregon, for the transmission of printed matter.

MR. GEORGE H. PREBLE.

The House proceeded, as the regular order of business on Friday, to call a Committee for reports of a private character.

Under the call, Mr. DELANO (Rep., Ohio), from the Committee on Claims, reported back adversely the Senate bill for the relief of George H. Preble, a commander in the Navy.

The report was laid on the table.

Mr. SULLIVAN (Rep., Ohio) moved to reconsider the vote laying the bill aside.

The motion was reconsidered, and by unanimous consent a report was withdrawn, in order that the matter might be left a fair hearing hereafter.

Bills of the following titles also were reported by Mr. DELANO:

For the relief of the survivors of James T. Pollock.

For the relief of Ernest F. Kilchenman of Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BILL.

The morning hour having expired, at 11 o'clock, Mr. ASHLEY (Rep., Ohio) reported from the Committee on Territories, a substitute for the North Carolina Reconstruction Bill, which was ordered to be printed and re-committed.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The SPEAKER presented Executive communications as follows:

From the Postmaster-General, transmitting a report respecting the mail-service performed by the Ocean Brahma steamer, which was referred to the Post-Office Committee.

A memorial from the Legislature of Dakota Territory, adding the name of a military road from Elk Mountain Falls in Dakota Territory, which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

From the Secretary of War, regarding claims presented to the Quartermaster by citizens of Indiana for payment by the United States authorities in July, 1863, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the private calendar, Mr. BROOMHALL (Rep., Pa.) in the chair.

BILLS PASSED.

After going through the calendar, the Committee at 2 p.m. rose and reported the bills which were passed into law.

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GOV. WELLS FAVORS THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—A STATE CONVENTION TALKED OF.

For the relief of Hiram Paulding, U. S. Navy.

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PEACE REPORTERS.

Mr. RAYMOND (Rep., N. Y.), from the same committee, reported a rule, placing the reporters of the Associated Press under the same rules and regulations as those of the *Globe*.

The SPEAKER inquired whether that would require the reporter to take an oath.

The SPEAKER intimated that the reporters of the *Globe* must not take any oath in the House, though they might do so in the Senate.

Mr. UPTON (Rep., Mich.) inquired whether that would entitle the Associated Press reporters to increased compensation, the same as those of the *Globe*.

The Rule was adopted.

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